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WEEKLY CROP WEATHER SUMMARY

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Excess Moisture Delays Spring Plantings: Many crop plantings are delayed this year due to excess moisture from the snow and rain received in the region this past winter. Some vegetable crops, like watermelons, cucumbers, and canteloupes, are normally being planted at this time but not this year because of wet field conditions. Farmers had an average of 4.2 days suitable for field work for the week ending April 6th which they took advantage of to begin spring plantings. Green peas are progressing well with 58% planted. Small amounts of sweet corn and tomatoes have been planted. Fruits such as strawberries, peaches, and apples are beginning to bloom. Small grains are in fair to good condition with winter wheat rated 4 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Barley condition is 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Pastures are in good condition due to the moisture received during this past winter. Pasture condition is 13 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Hay supplies dwindled over the winter and most are in short supply. Hay supplies are 34 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 37 percent adequate.

Grade and Commodity Date		#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Sovbeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barlev	
	04/02	4/09	04/02	4/09	04/02	4/09	04/02	4/09	
Western Md	2.96	2.96	5.89	6.01	2.75	2.75	248	2.48	
Central MD	2.87	2.88	5.81	5.93	3.00	3.03	2.60	2.60	
Southern MD	2.75	2.77	5.87	5.99	2.69	2.68			
Upper E. Sh	2.84	2.88	5.86	5.99	2.69	2.68			
Lower E. Sh	2.93	2.94	5.98	6.10	2.71	2.70	1.35		

FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE-REGIONAL - (\$/bu) FOR HARVEST DELIVERY, DEALER'S AVG QUOTE									
Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley		
Date	04/02	4/09	04/02	4/09	04/02 4/09		04/02	4/09	
Western Md									
Central MD	2.45	2.45	4.80	4.96	2.83	2.86			
Southern MD	2.42	2.42	4.92	5.08	2.50	2.63	1.40	1.40	
Upper E Shore	2.47	2.47	4.92	5.08	2.65	2.68	1.50	1.50	
Lower E Shore	2.54	2.54	5.02	5.18	2.67	2.70	1.48	1.48	

GRAIN FUTURES - Chicago Board of Trade (cents/bu) -Apr 09, 2003										
Corn		Soyb	Soybeans		Wheat			Soybean Meal 1		
May	242.00	Mag	y (604.00	May	287.	00	May	178.60	
Jul	243.75	Jul	(503.00	Jul	293.	25	Jul	177.30	
Sept	242.50	Aug	;	590.50	Sept	298.	50	Aug	172.90	
Dec	242.25	Sep	t :	559.75	Dec	309.	25	Sept	164.90	
Mr04	247.50	Nov	,	532.75	Mr04	314.	50	Oct	156.40	
May	250.25	Ja0	4	535.00				Dec	155.40	
Jul	252.25	Mai	r :	536.50				Ja04	155.50	

^{1 \$/}ton

HAY AND STRAW - (\$/cwt)							
New Holland, PA - (\$/t	· ·	2003 - 70 I <i>a</i>	nads					
Alfalfa	Mixe		uaus	Timothy	(Orchardgrass		Straw
147.00-230.00	115.00-25		15	55.00-190.00	15	55.00-200.00		00-150.00
Westminster, MD - (\$/I	oale) - Apr 08, 2	003 - 123 L	ots					
Alfalfa	Mixed			Grass	G	rass (lg rd)		Straw
3.50-5.30	2.30-4.0	00	1.	.25-4.30	37	7.00-42.50	1	.50-1.80
Southern, MD - (\$/bale) - April 5, 2003	3						
Product	Low	High	Av	g Product		Low	High	Avg
Alfalfa	5.60	5.60	5.6		7	5.00	5.00	5.00
Orchardgrass	5.80	5.80	5.80	,		4.25	4.25	4.25
Mixed Grass (rd bales)	30.00	30.00	30.0		J	2.00	2.10	2.03
	Week Ending	Anu 12 200	02 No	antinted Dries	oonta/lba			
POULTRY (Grade A) -		Current	Week		th Ago	Year Ago		
NY Wtd Avg. (Fryers)		52.04	51.5		5.73	45.41		
12-City Composite		57.71	57.7		0.83	52.95		
LAMBS - Westminster,	MD - \$/cwt - A	Apr 08, 200	3					
H-Ch-P 70-120	lbs 110.00	-115.00	Good Ch	70-120 lb	s 9:	5.00-110.00	Sheep	
30- 68	lbs 120.00	-155.00		30- 70 lb	s 90	0.00-115.00	Lean	30.00-45.00
TERMINAL MARKETS	S HOGS - Apr 1	0. 2003		DIRECT MAR	KET HO	GS - Westminster	r. MD- Anr (08. 2003
Base Price Range (\$/cwt)						, commiste	., ripi (,
a.m.	Base 185 lb H				#1 & 2	240-285	lbs	29.00-30.00
Eastern Cornbelt	40.50-51.01	15.50-	-30.44		#1 & 3	200-225	lbs	25.00-27.25
lowa, Minn	41.25-50.01	14.00-		Millsboro, DE			ext Sale 4/15	
		1-7.00	50.15	THE POLICE OF THE	., rui Net II	ogo wient - IV	OAL DUIC T/13	, 05
FEEDER PIGS - (\$/cw	t) -							
Gumboro, DE -						Apr 09, 2003		
	Name Cala 4/21/	0.2		Head: 536	Tren	d: Most went to s	laughter	
	Next Sale 4/21/							
CATTLE-LIVE FUTU	RES - Chicago I	Mercantile	Exchang			URES - Chicago	Mercantile I	Exchange -
(\$/cwt) - Apr 09, 2003- Apr 78.0	7 4	- 60	3.22	(\$/cwt) - A	49.90		58.	60
Apr 78.0 May 75.0	•	,	5.22).07	Apr May	49.90 55.60		58.	
Jun 71.9			1.87	Jun	58.57		50.	
FEEDER CATTLE -		, , ,	1.07	oun	30.3	<u> </u>	50.	
				***	MD A	00. 2002		
Winchester, VA - Apr 0		02.00.1	00.50	Westminste	r, MD - A	•	70	00 00 00
	0-400 lbs	93.00-1		Steers		400-500 lbs		00- 90.00
	0-500 lbs	82.00-1		TT 1		500-700 lbs		00- 82.00
	0-600 lbs	79.50-		Hols		400-700 lbs		00- 65.00
	0-700 lbs	78.00-		Heifers		300-500 lbs		00- 83.00
	0-400 lbs	80.50-				500-700 lbs		00- 74.00
	0-500 lbs	72.00-			11.1	700-900 lbs		00- 63.00
	0-600 lbs	70.50-		Hols Bulls	#1	95-110 lbs		00-152.00
60	0-700 lbs	69.00-	70.00		// 2	84- 94 lbs		00-115.00
					#2	95-110 lbs		00-125.00
				JT.1. TT **	. Д1	80- 94 lbs		00- 95.00
				Hols Heifers		90-110 lbs		00-315.00
_					#2	90-110 lbs	150.	00-225.00
Lancaster, New Holland						00 105 11	105	00 100 00
	0-120 lbs	140.00-2		Plai		90-125 lbs		00-180.00
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·)-115 lbs	210.00-3	20.00	Plai	ner		145.	00-225.00
SLAUGHTER CATTL Westminister, MD - A								
Fed Steers	μι υσ, 2003			Fed Heifers				
H-Ch-Pr	78 (00-82.75		H-Ch-P		1100-1400 lb	os 77 0	0-81.75
Ch 2-3		00-80.75		H-Ch 2-4		1100-1400 lb		0-79.00
Select	70.0	00-74.00		Ch		950-1075 lb		0-75.00
	00-1450 71.0	00-74.50		Veal Calves		400	<u> ·</u>	0.45.00
Cows	20.4	00 42 50		Good Slaugh	iter	100- 120 lt		0-45.00
Breakers Boners		00-43.50 00-42.50				80- 100 lb	os 30.0	0-40.00
Lean		00-42.50						
Thin & Light		00-38.30 00-DOWN						
· ·			. An- 1'	2002				
Lancaster, New Holland	_	_			C1 1			
Steers, Choice 2-3		1080-1470 1		76.25-80.50		nostly steady		
Heifers, Choice 2-3		1060-1485 1		74.00-77.25	Steady to			
Cows, Breakers 75-80 pc		1010 22151		40.00-48.75	\$2 - \$4 l	nigher		
Bulls, YG 1 Vealers, Standard & Goo		1010-2315 l 55- 110 l		48.25-56.00	Steady			
v caicis, Stailualu & UOC	u	JJ- 1101	105	15.00-30.00	Steady			

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